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To: OSE SOI Email Notification List

Re: Upper Spearfish Canyon, Master Planning
Department of Game, Fish & Parks
Spearfish, South Dakota
OSE# G2116--11X

The Office of the State Engineer, on behalf of South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (SDGFP), is soliciting Statements of Interest from firms interested in providing master planning services for the above referenced project. We have identified your firm as one that may be potentially interested in projects of this size and type.

Spearfish Canyon is a majestic land formation in the northern Black Hills of South Dakota. Its intricately carved limestone walls, forested slopes, waterfalls, and cold water mountain streams make it a scenic destination for recreationists. South Dakota Highway 14A (Spearfish Canyon Scenic Byway) begins at the mouth of the canyon and extends 15 miles to Savoy. At Savoy, Little Spearfish Creek joins Spearfish Creek. This location is a major recreation attraction along the Spearfish Canyon Scenic Byway and extends up Little Spearfish Canyon. This is the subject area for the master planning effort and includes areas such as the Savoy Fishing Pond, Spearfish Falls, Roughlock Falls, Timon Campground, Rod and Gun Campground, Latchstring Inn and Restaurant, and hiking trail facilities.

In January of 2016, Governor Dennis Daugaard proposed that the State of South Dakota pursue the concept of establishing a new state park encompassing these areas located in the upper reaches of Spearfish and Little Spearfish Canyon. The concept of a new state park in Spearfish Canyon will achieve the goals of both preservation and opportunity for recreation. The State of South Dakota has developed a proposal that will facilitate the creation of the state's second largest state park. Spearfish Canyon State Park comprises over 1,600 acres of property in the Savoy and Little Spearfish Canyon areas. It will encompass the "rim-to-rim" portion of Little Spearfish Canyon from the Savoy intersection of U.S. Highway 16 approximately five miles up the canyon to the Little Spearfish trailhead.

The purpose of this master planning effort is to provide:

- **Public Input:** The planning process will identify public issues and provide the public with ample opportunity to comment on the concepts, and build a basis for the ultimate recommendation for these areas to be included as part of the state park system.

Participation methods shall document, organize, and present all public comments for inclusion in the public record.

- **Vision:** The plan shall establish a clear vision for the project including specific goals and objectives.
- **Development Plan:** The plan should include a detailed inventory of the study area and consider all existing and potential recreational opportunities. The plan should also provide guidance on natural resource management, cultural and historical resource protection, scenic preservation, interpretation, and appropriate development standards.
- **Operations and Funding Plan:** The philosophy of the state park system has been to fund operations associated with the expansion of the park system with park revenue and not seek additional general fund support. Therefore, the master plan will explore all funding opportunities that can be generated through services inside and outside the park, and provide options for short- and long-term operations of the park according to the development goals identified in the master plan.
- **Outline and schedule for all required state and federal actions:** The plan will consider all administrative, legislative, and fiscal requirements to achieve the recommendations identified in the plan and provide the state with strategies and action items to secure all permissions and authority necessary for the implementation of the plan.
- **Bismarck Lake:** A separate planning effort to include the feasibility of transferring Bismarck Lake from U.S. Forest Service Management to Custer State Park. This effort should be considered as being much less intensive and focus on the operational impacts and recreational improvements that could be facilitated by operation of the area through the administration of Custer State Park.

Supporting documents that are included as part of this request for Statements of Interest:

- Upper Spearfish Canyon State Park Master Plan – Background information
- Spearfish Canyon History Summary
- Upper Spearfish Canyon State Park – proposed operations philosophy

Firms wishing to be considered for providing professional services for this project should send a Statement of Interest that outlines their qualifications for this project. Statements of Interest should include at a minimum:

- Specialized expertise, capabilities, and technical competence as demonstrated by the proposed approach and methodology to meet the project requirements (25%)
- Resources available to perform the work, including any specialized services, within the specified time limits for the project (25%)
- Record of past performance, including price and cost data from previous projects, quality of work, ability to meet schedules, cost control, and contract administration (15%)
- Availability to the project locale (10%)
- Familiarity with the project locale (10%)
- Proposed project management techniques (10%)
- Ability and proven history in handling special project constraints (5%)

Those firms that desire additional information specific to the project should contact Al Nedved with SDGFP. He can be reached at 605.773.4502 or at Al.Nedved@state.sd.us. A site visit for firms wishing to see the site will be scheduled in July. Those wishing to participate in the site tour must coordinate with Al Nedved prior to site visit.


A short-list of three firms shall be selected by the project engineer and members of the Department of Game, Fish, & Parks based upon the firm's Statement of Interest. These three firms will be asked to interview before the Building Committee before a final selection is made.

Copies of the Statement of Interest must be submitted on recyclable hard copy and electronic format by 5:00 PM CT, July 21, 2016 to:

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Thank you for your interest in this project. We look forward to your responses.



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